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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 14TH – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

✠ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Requiem Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps. Week 1
Maureen Goodey RIP
All the Faithful Fallen in Battle

MONDAY 15TH

ST ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP & DOCTOR

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Sung Mass – 1962 Missal

Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY 16TH

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP

No Public Mass today. Church open as usual for private prayer.

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 17TH

ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Corpus Christi Prayer Group

Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY 18TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY 19TH

FERIA – REQUIEM MASS

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

(Friday Abstinence)

Kathleen Flint RIP

N.B. No Holy Hour today. Apologies.

SATURDAY 20TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Francis & Theresa Khoo RIP – Anniversary

SUNDAY 21ST

✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps. Week 2
Pro Populo

Wong Lee Kim Lo Neng Fong RIP

Confessions: Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by making an appointment with the Rector.

Exposition & Benediction: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each weekday, except Tuesdays from 12noon – 1pm, and every day, except Tuesdays, from 5pm – 6pm.

THE END TIMES

St Mark's version of a part of Jesus' discourse on the end times is proclaimed on this penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year. This discourse is also found in Matthew and Luke, with some variations, and is probably the most difficult Gospel text. This difficulty stems from both its content and its language: in fact, it speaks of a future that exceeds our own categories and for this reason Jesus uses images and words taken from the Old Testament; but above all he introduces a new centre, which is he himself, the mystery of his Person and of his death and Resurrection.

Today's passage also opens with certain cosmic images that are apocalyptic in character: "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken"; but this element is relativized by what follows: "then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory". The "Son of man" is Jesus himself who links the present and the future; the ancient words of the prophets have finally found a centre in the Person of the Nazarene Messiah: he is the True Event which remains the firm and enduring point in the midst of the world's upheavals.

Other words in today's Gospel confirm this. Jesus says: "heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away". Indeed we know that in the Bible the word of God is at the origin of the Creation: all the creatures, starting with the cosmic elements — sun, moon, the firmament — obey the word of God, they exist since they have been "called into being" by it. This creative force of the divine word is concentrated in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, and also passes through his human words, which are the true "firmament" that directs the thought and journey of man on earth. For this reason Jesus does not describe the end of the world and when he uses apocalyptic images, he does not act as a "seer". On the contrary, he wishes to prevent his disciples in every epoch from being curious about dates and predictions; he wants instead to provide them with a key to a profound, essential interpretation and, above all, to point out to them the right way on which to walk, today and in the future, to enter eternal life. Everything passes away, the Lord reminds us, but the word of God does not change and before it each one of us is responsible for his or her own behaviour. We are judged on this basis.

Dear friends, in our day too there is no lack of natural disasters nor, unfortunately, of war and violence. Today too we need a permanent foundation for our life and our hope, especially because of the relativism in which we are immersed. May the Virgin Mary help us to accept this centre in the Person of Christ and in his word.

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps If you would like to donate towards the Sanctuary lamps, you can do so online too.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

Please pop **Saturday 18th December** at 10.00am into your diaries if you can help us prepare the church for Christmas.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

Throughout November, we will be offering at least three Masses a week for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. You can have your departed relatives and friends remembered at the Altar at these Masses by adding their names to the list by simply filling out the form on our website, or one of the forms at the back of the church. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/holysouls to make your offering today!

MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS – #REDWEDNESDAY

#RedWednesday is an annual initiative by **Aid to the Church in Need** to highlight the plight of those who are persecuted for their Christian faith around the world. On Wednesday 24th, we will be celebrating a Mass for Persecuted Christians. Having the churches closed for a time during Lockdown served in some way as a reminder to us of all those who are unable to go to Mass at all for fear of execution, persecution and assault. Please pray for them and the incredible work that Aid to the Church in Need does to support and help them.

Please support the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Visit acnuk.org/redwednesday for more information and to make a donation. You are also invited to join Aid to the Church in Need at 5pm outside Westminster Cathedral for prayerful witness before sung Holy Mass at 5.30pm, followed by refreshments and talks at 7pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Please join them in solidarity with persecuted Christians and with Christian women and girls, who live under the threat of sexual violence.

THE MASS OBLIGATION

As you are probably aware, I'm praying that the **Sunday Obligation** will be in force again from the First Advent Sunday i.e. **Sunday 28th November**. This Obligation means that every Catholic is required to attend a celebration of Holy Mass each Sunday, and any other days of Obligation which occur as announced, unless impeded by health, age or some totally unavoidable situation. It's important that this is returned a.s.a.p. It helps us to get the message from the Lord of the absolute importance of the need for the centrality of the Holy Mass in our lives. "Without this, we cannot have His life within us" Jesus tells us. I'm afraid that some people have already fallen over the edge during lockdown, and may never return to the practise of the Faith. Don't let yourself be one of them.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

We have already received several emails from people asking for Christmas Mass times. These can all be found on our website at maidenlane.org.uk/christmas

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book is full now until **January 2022**. If you have any dates that you would particularly like to book for next year, please get them in as early as possible to avoid disappointment. maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

SYNOD MEETING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Cardinal had a meeting for a large group of young people on 2nd November. It was a room, full of young adults, who told the Cardinal that they want the Full Faith, not watered down comfortable religion; living out the teachings of the Catechism. And many said they loved the Mass celebrated with great beauty, reverence and dignity. A message from the young to the Church.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Brona Lynch, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Philip Barney, Donna Webb, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Warren Peterson, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, Christopher Browne, John Lynch, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley
Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Sir David Amess, Richard Canon Hearn, Amarilde Pellegrini, James Young, Neemat Abbass, Giovanna Proto, Concetta Wager, Nellie Goodwin, Marlis Okeke, HRH The Prince Philip, Paul Colman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Mgr Mark Langham, Mary Quinlan, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Christiane Brown